How to become a Dragon

- EPISODE 168 -

SOMEONE FROM...
...YOUR GROUP OF COMPANIONS.

IS SHE SAYING THAT ONE OF US HAS TO DRINK THAT...?

ISN'T THAT POISON? ONE OF US HAS TO DRINK IT AND DIE?

COMPANION... THAT APPLIES TO ME MORE THAN IT DOES TO YOU TWO.
A-AM I SUPPOSED TO DRINK IT?

AS IF BARI WOULD LET YOU DRINK THAT, YOUNG.
IT HAS TO BE...
STARE
!!

M-ME? YOU WANT ME TO DRINK IT?
EEK
YOU KEEP TRYING TO USE ME AS A THROWAWAY...

AW, SHUT UP!
I DIDN'T EVEN SAY
ANYTHING YET.

BARI.
GIVE ME
THAT.
NUDGE
HUH?

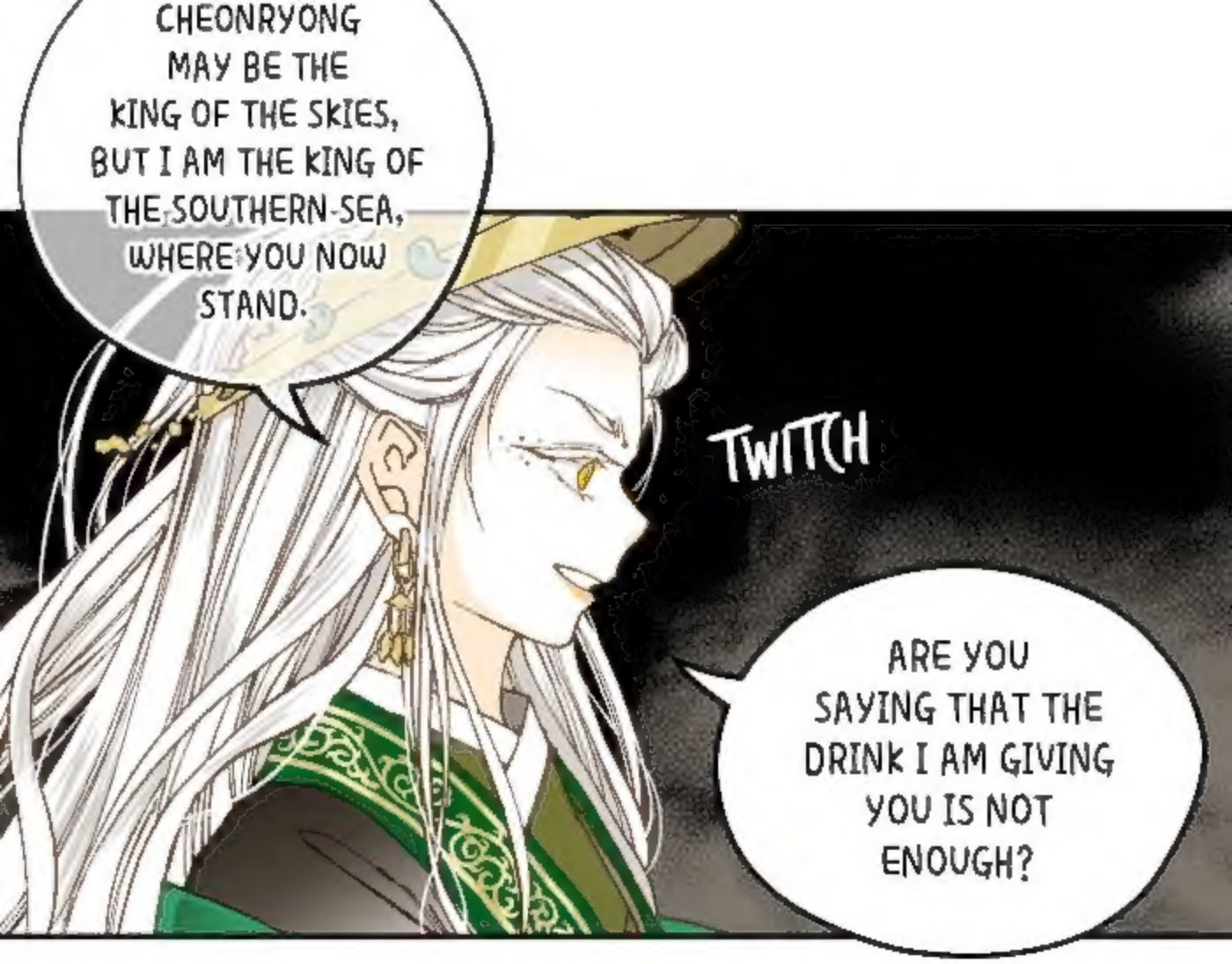
I MEAN, IT MAKES THE MOST SENSE FOR THE MOST USELESS PERSON HERE...
TO BE SACRIFICED BUT...
THAT LITTLE...

GIVE IT TO ME.
THAT GUY IS TOO MUCH OF A WEAKLING. HE'LL PASS OUT BEFORE HE CAN EVEN FINISH IT ALL.

I'M AN IMOOGI, SO AT LEAST I WON'T DIE.
...

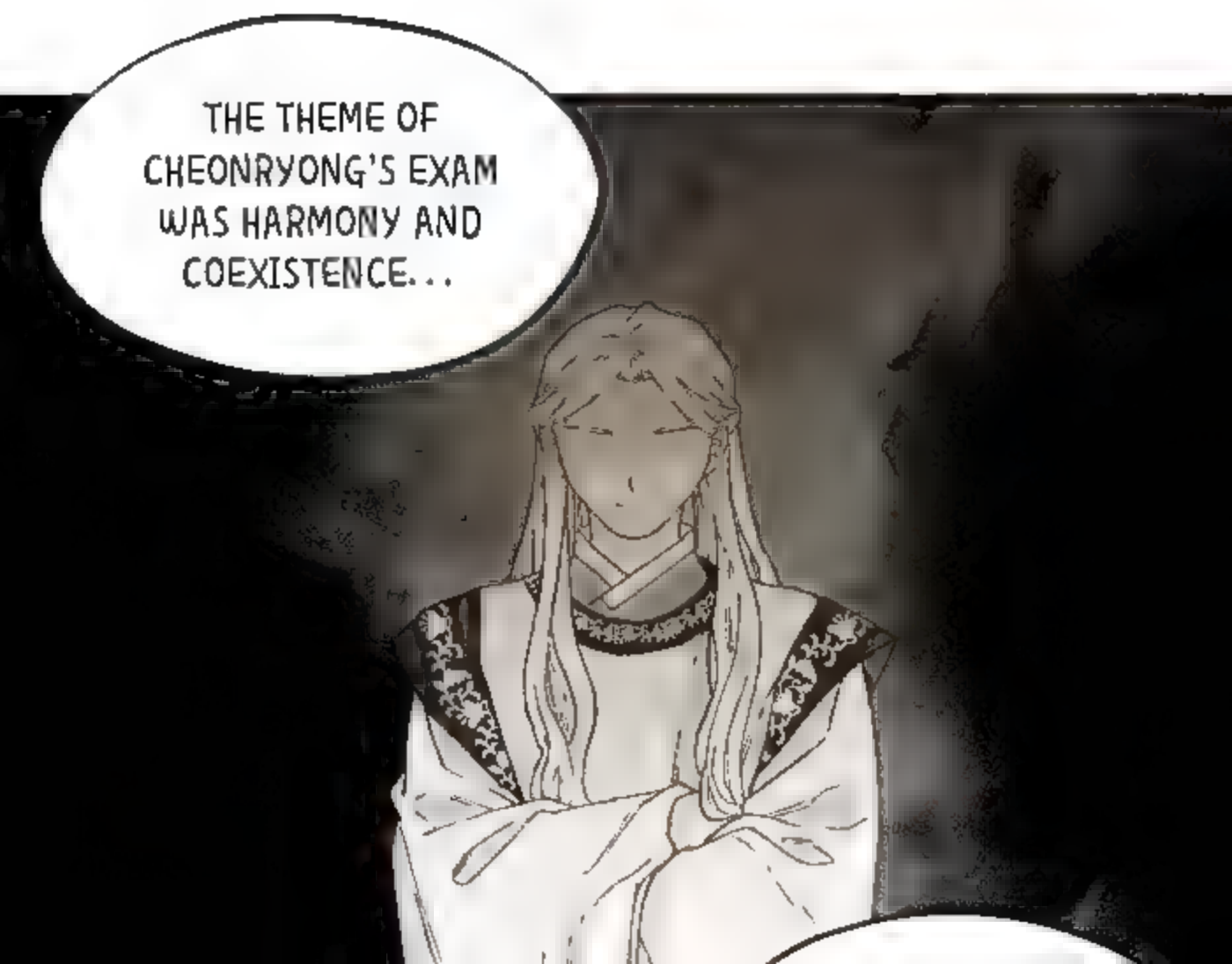
A CONGRATULATORY DRINK...
BLOCK

IS TYPICALLY GIVEN TO A FINALIST BY THE ONE WHO ORGANIZES AN EXAM.
SHOULDN'T I BE RECEIVING THIS DRINK FROM CHEONRYONG INSTEAD?


CHEONRYONG MAY BE THE KING OF THE SKIES, BUT I AM THE KING OF THE SOUTHERN SEA, WHERE YOU NOW STAND.
TWITCH
ARE YOU SAYING THAT THE DRINK I AM GIVING YOU IS NOT ENOUGH?

NO!
HOW WOULD I DARE SAY THAT...?

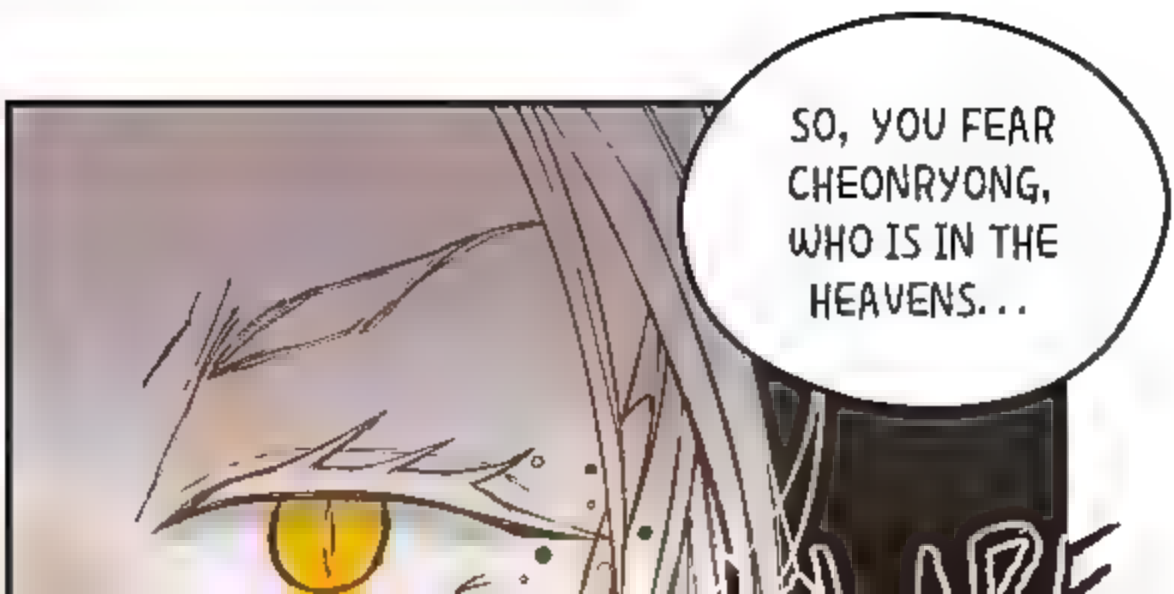
IT'S JUST...


THE THEME OF CHEONRYONG'S EXAM WAS HARMONY AND COEXISTENCE...

...BUT
WHAT YOU ARE
SAYING GOES AGAINST
CHEONRYONG'S
WISHES.

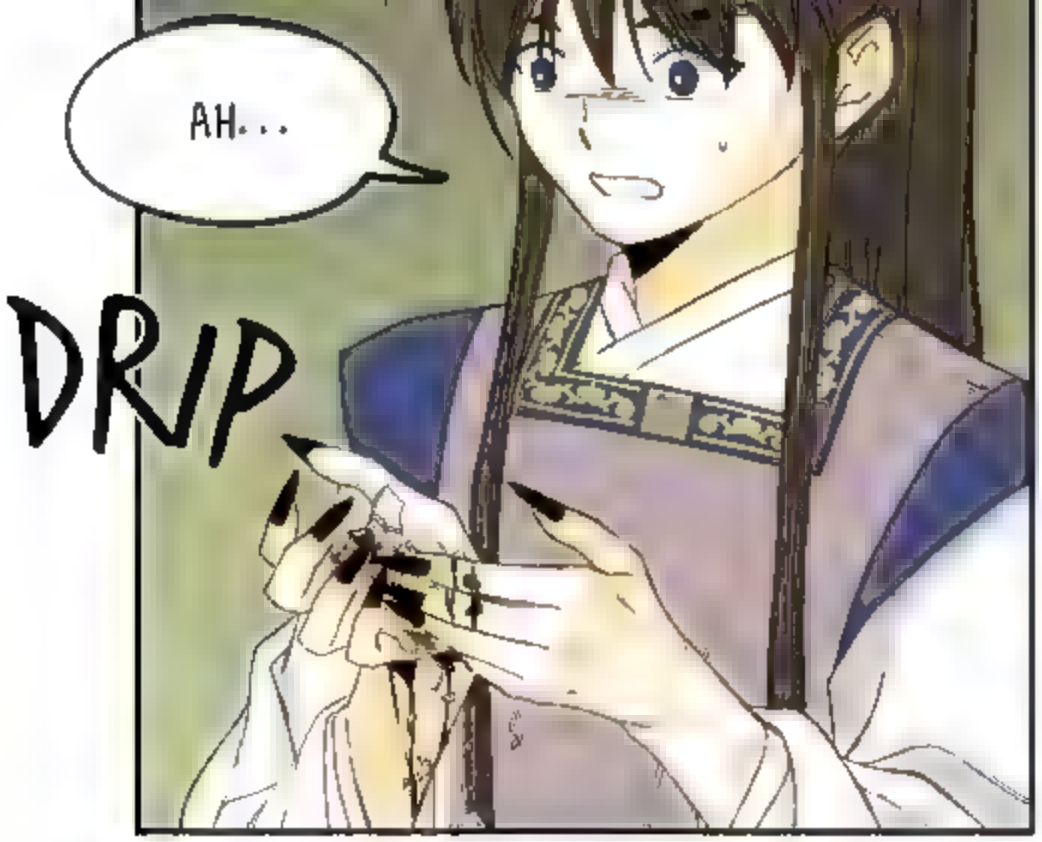
I FEAR
THAT I MAY ANGER
CHEONRYONG.
PLEASE
DO TAKE BACK
YOUR DRINK.

...
HAH...


SO, YOU FEAR CHEONRYONG, WHO IS IN THE HEAVENS...

...BUT YOU THINK I AM A JOKE, EVEN AS I STAND BEFORE YOU?

SHATTER


AH...
DRIP

WHO BROUGHT THIS CUP?
M-MY APOLOGIES!

I DID NOT KNOW THIS WOULD HAPPEN, SO I PREPARED A PORCELAIN CUP...
KNEEL
I WILL FETCH A METAL CUP AT ONCE!

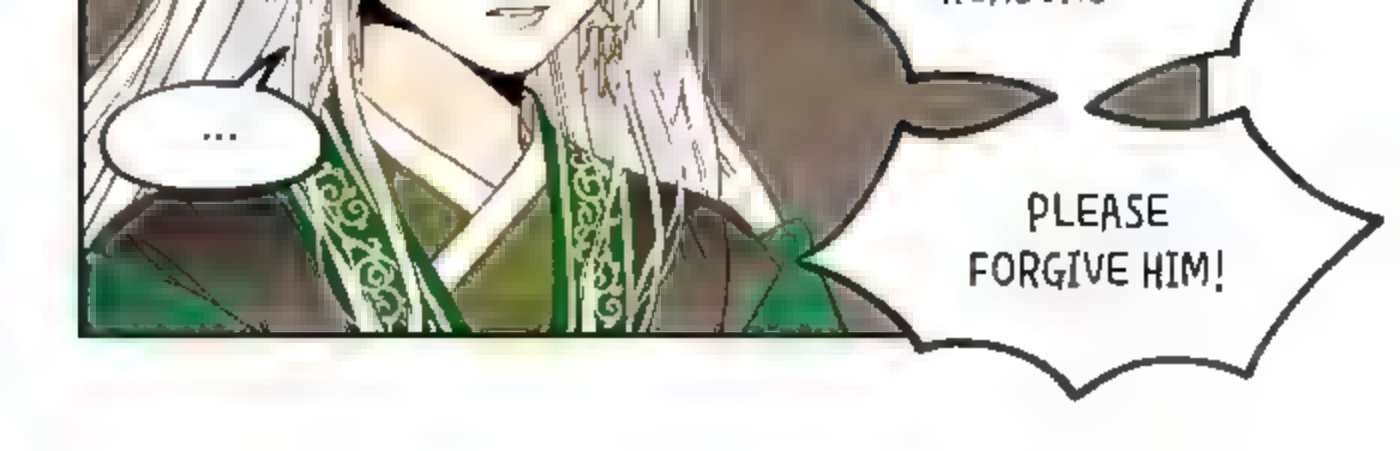
...
GLANCE
THERE IS A CUP SENT HERE FROM THE WESTERN SEA, SO I WILL ARRANGE FOR THAT TO BE BROUGHT.
LISTEN UP!
GO TO THE BOWEOL VAULT AND BRING THE METAL CUP SENT TO US BY THE WESTERN DRAGON KING!
REACH

STOMP

PRESS
OW...!
WHY ARE YOU SNEAKING AROUND LIKE A LITTLE RAT?

Y-YOU CALLED THIS GARBAGE!
YOUNG!
IF YOU DIDN'T NEED IT, I WAS GOING TO TAKE IT...
IT'S IMPORTANT TO ME!

Y-YOUR HIGHNESS...
YOUNG ISN'T TRYING TO BE GREEDY, HE HAS HIS REASONS...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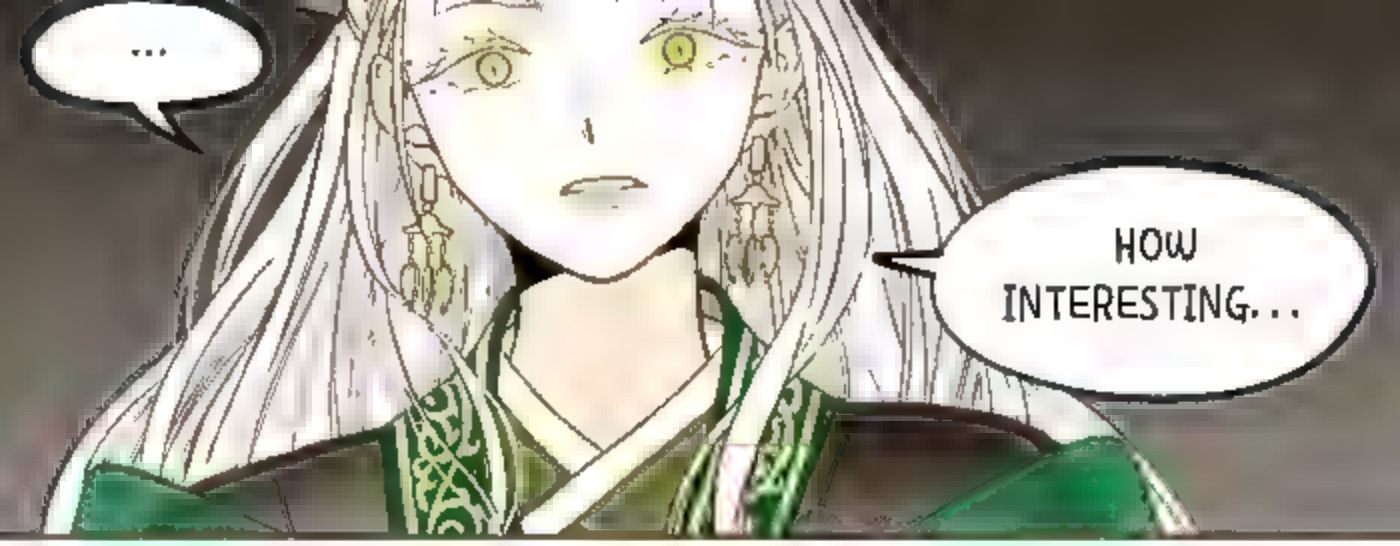
PLEASE FORGIVE HIM!

!
KNEEL
GRAB

A-AH...?
HUH...?
WHA...?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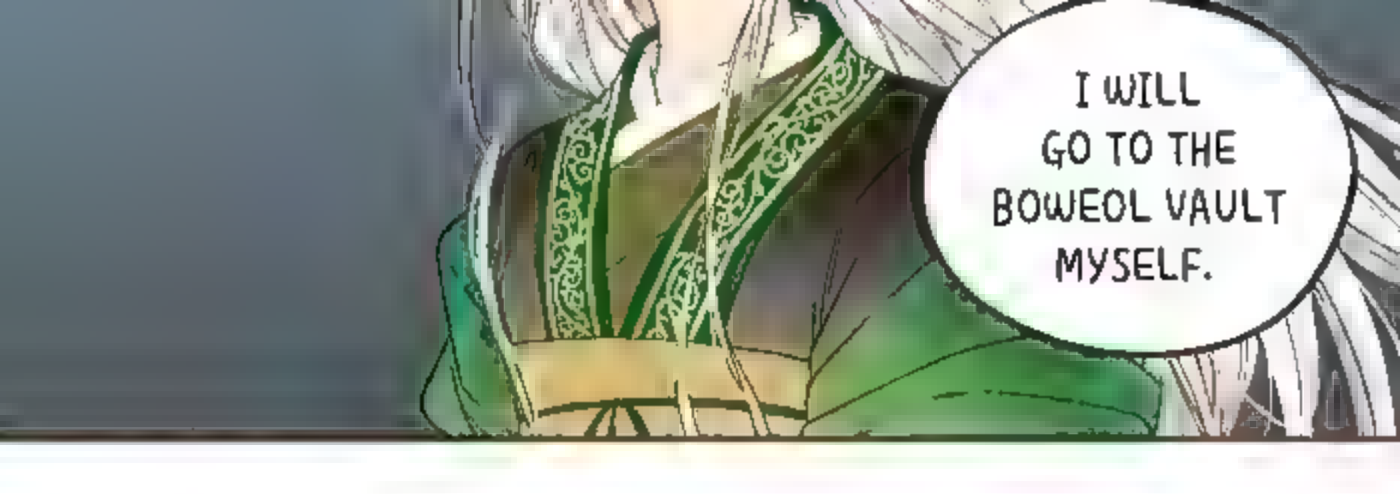
HOW INTERESTING...

W--
PULL AWAY
WHAT...?

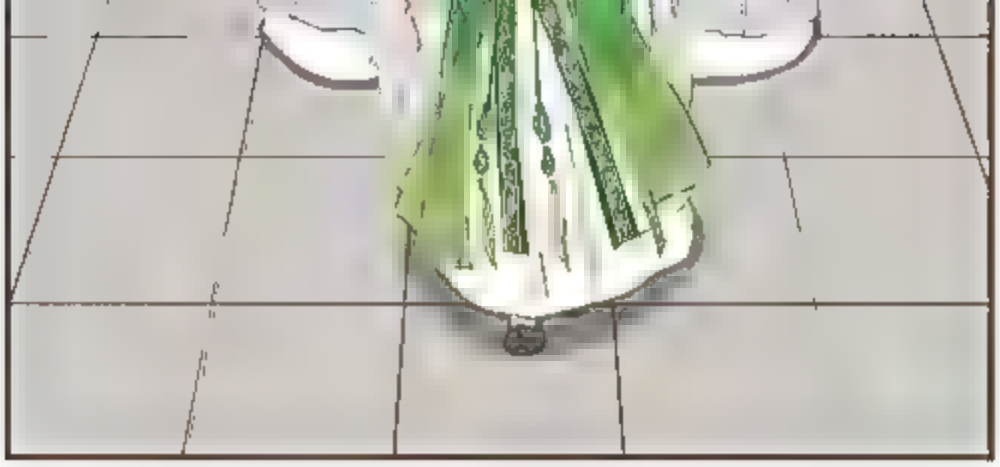
D-DID SHE CATCH ON...?
DID SHE NOTICE THAT PART OF THE ORB IS IN HIS STOMACH...?
THERE IS NO NEED FOR YOU TO BRING THE CUP HERE.



LEAD THE WAY.

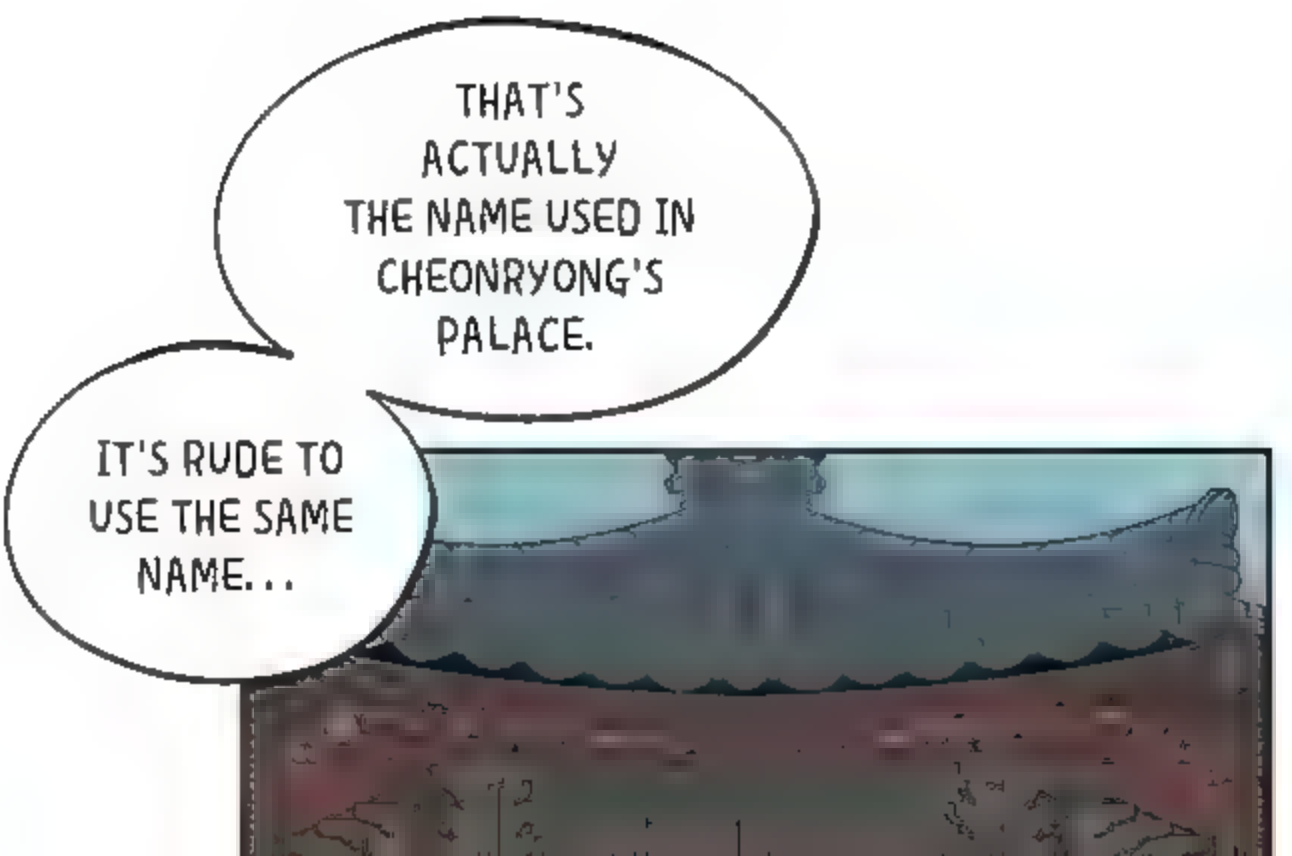
SHE TOLD US TO EAT AND ENJOY OURSELVES...
...BUT I DIDN'T EVEN GET TO FINISH ONE PLATE.

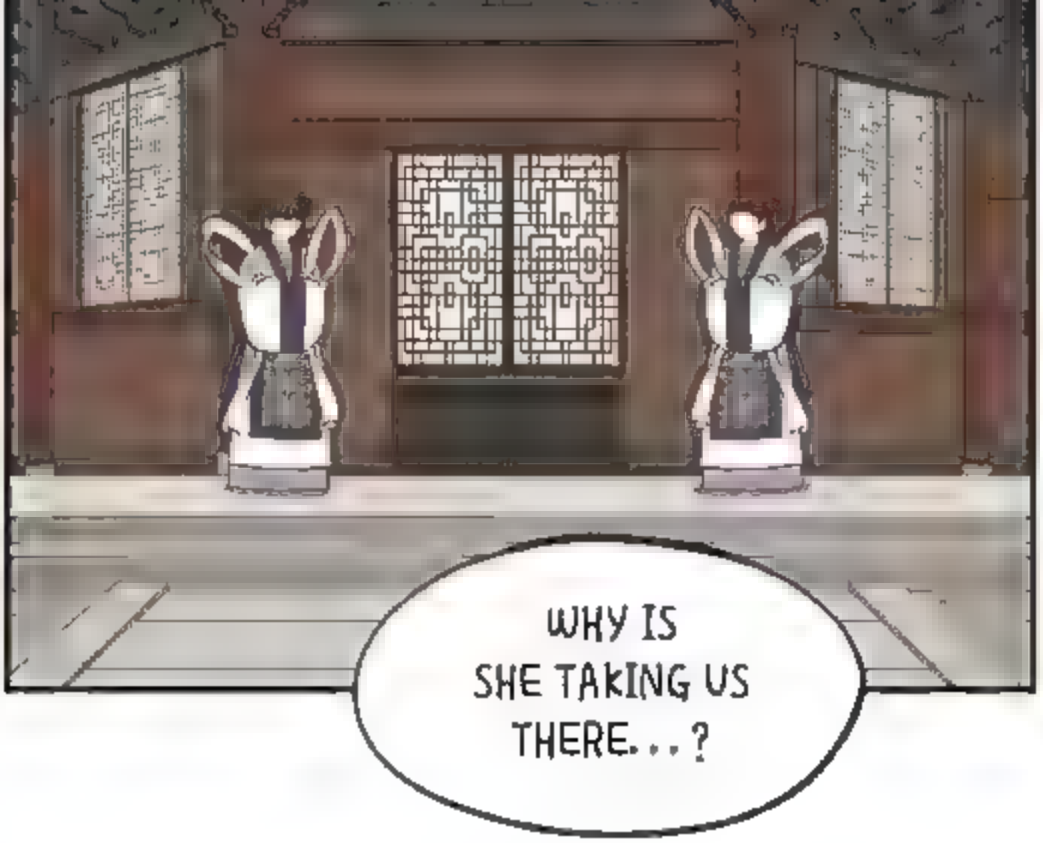
WHISPER
IS THAT REALLY WHAT'S IMPORTANT TO YOU RIGHT NOW?
I'M SO FREAKING NERVOUS, AND YET HERE YOU ARE...
WHISPER
KICK



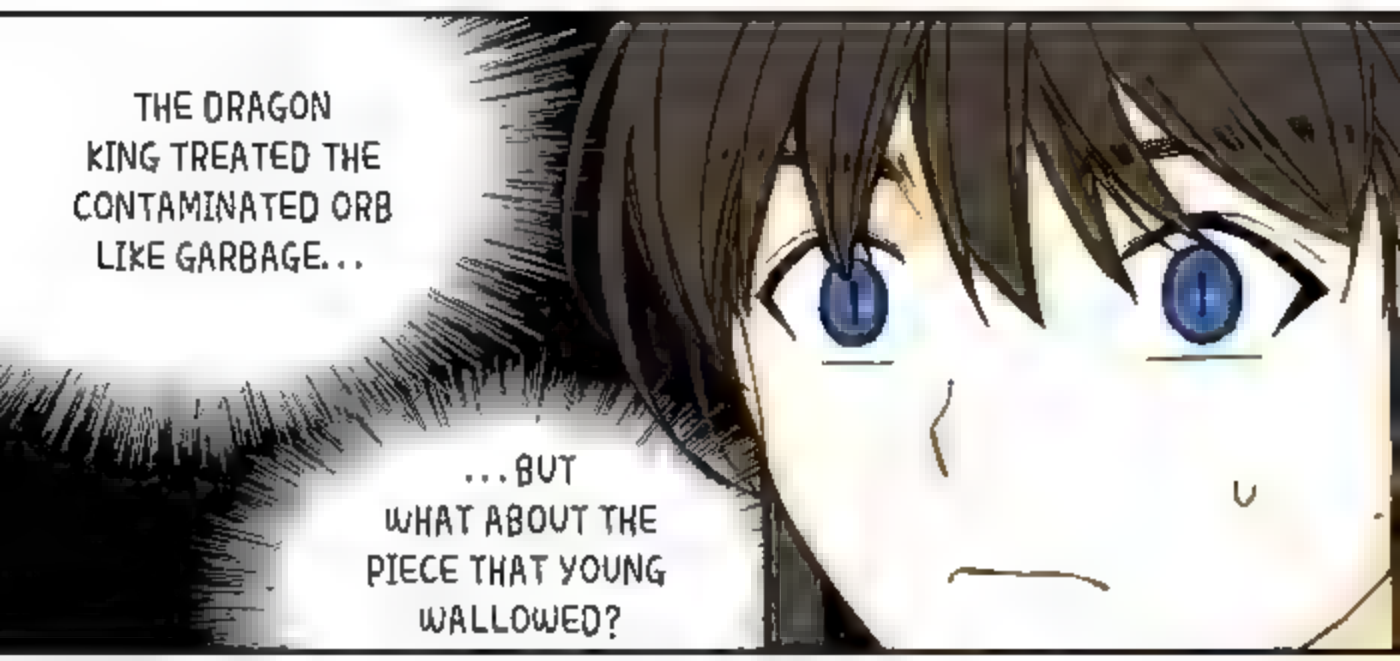
WHAT ARE YOU NERVOUS ABOUT? THE POISONED DRINK GOT SPILLED, SO DOESN'T THAT MEAN EVERYTHING IS OVER?
I THINK SHE'S JUST TAKING US ON A PALACE TOUR AFTER SHE GAVE US FOOD.
A TOUR? ARE YOU KIDDING ME?!

WHAT'S THE BOWEOL VAULT, ANYWAYS?
WHAT DO YOU DO THERE?
AH, THE BOWEOL VAULT IS WHERE THE PALACE'S TREASURES ARE KEPT.


THAT'S ACTUALLY THE NAME USED IN CHEONRYONG'S PALACE.
IT'S RUDE TO USE THE SAME NAME...


WHY IS SHE TAKING US THERE...?

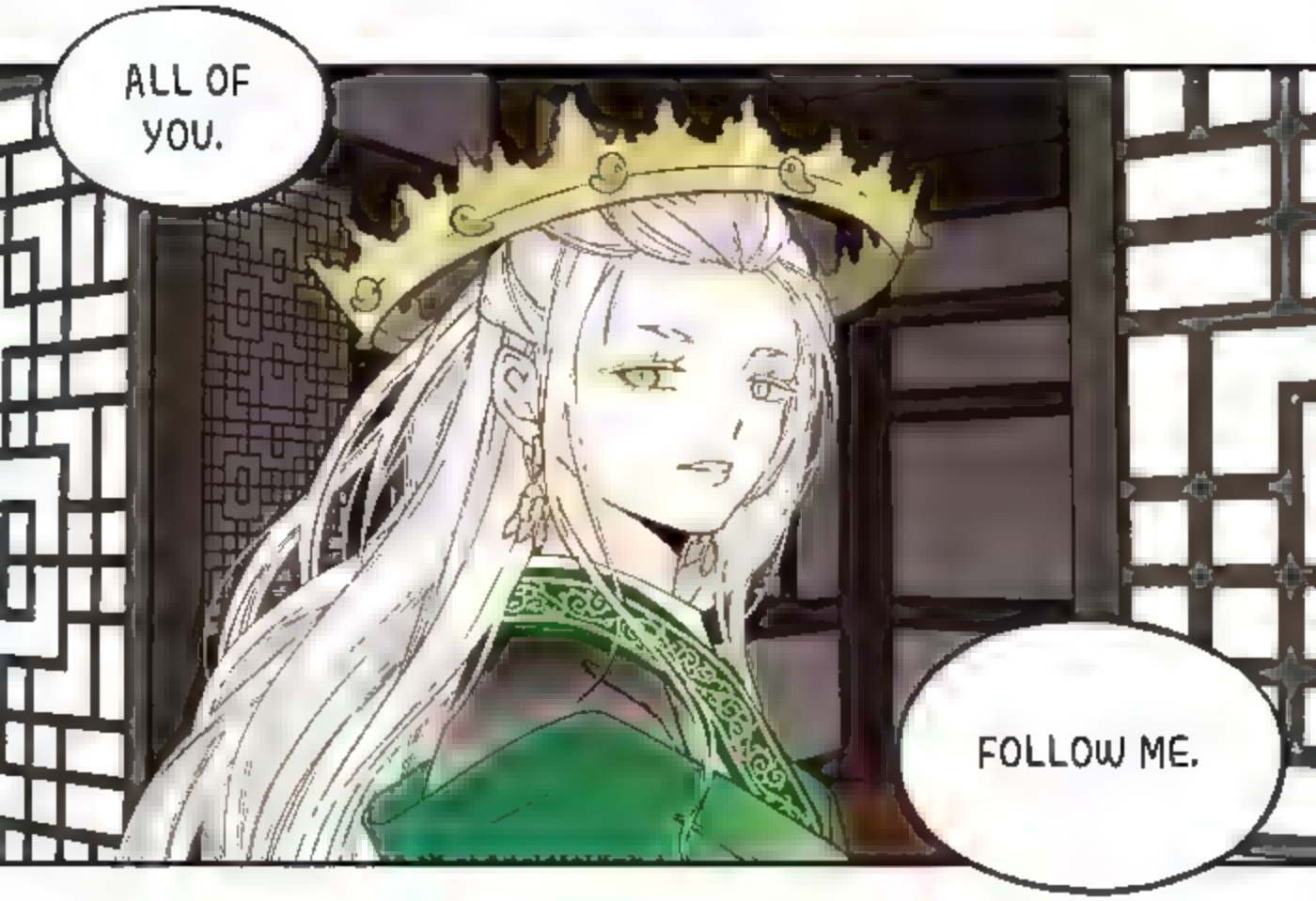
FIRST THE UNIFORMS, NOW THE BUILDING NAMES...
THIS PLACE IS JUST FULL OF PRETENSION...


THE DRAGON KING TREATED THE CONTAMINATED ORB LIKE GARBAGE...
...BUT WHAT ABOUT THE PIECE THAT YOUNG WALLOWED?

IT HASN'T HARMED HIM AT ALL...

...SO IT MUST HAVE BEEN BROKEN OFF OF THE ORB BEFORE IT GOT CONTAMINATED.

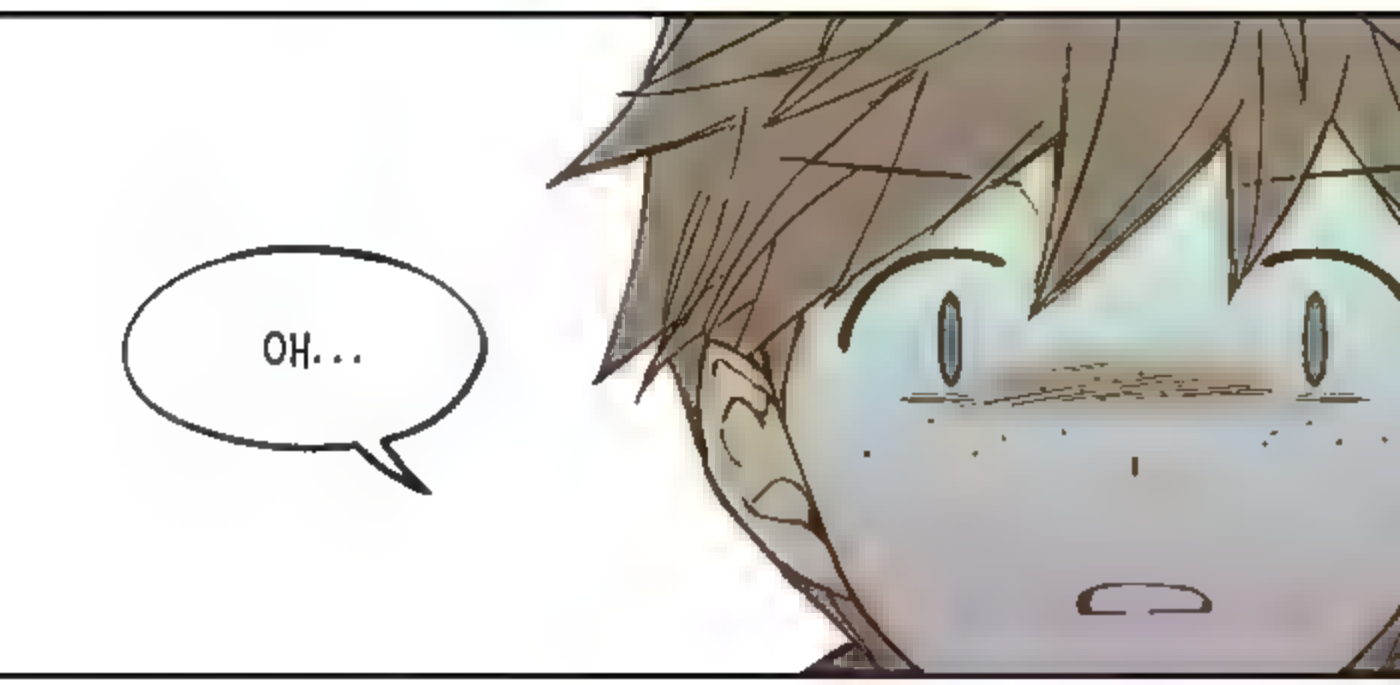
IS SHE TRYING TO LOCK YOUNG AND THE PIECE OF THE ORB IN THE BOWEOL VAULT...?


ALL OF YOU.
FOLLOW ME.

YOU ARE THE SECOND HUMANS...

...TO HAVE ENTERED THE BOWEOL VAULT.

THE SECOND...?
WHO WAS THE FIRST...?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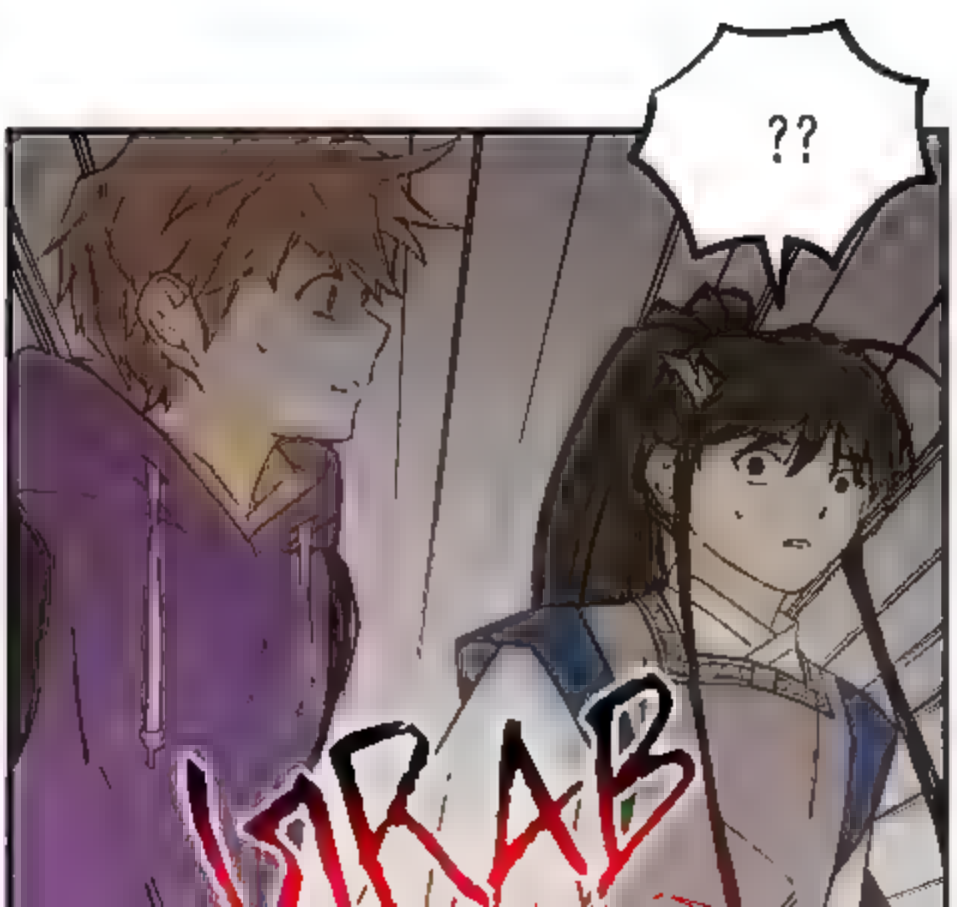
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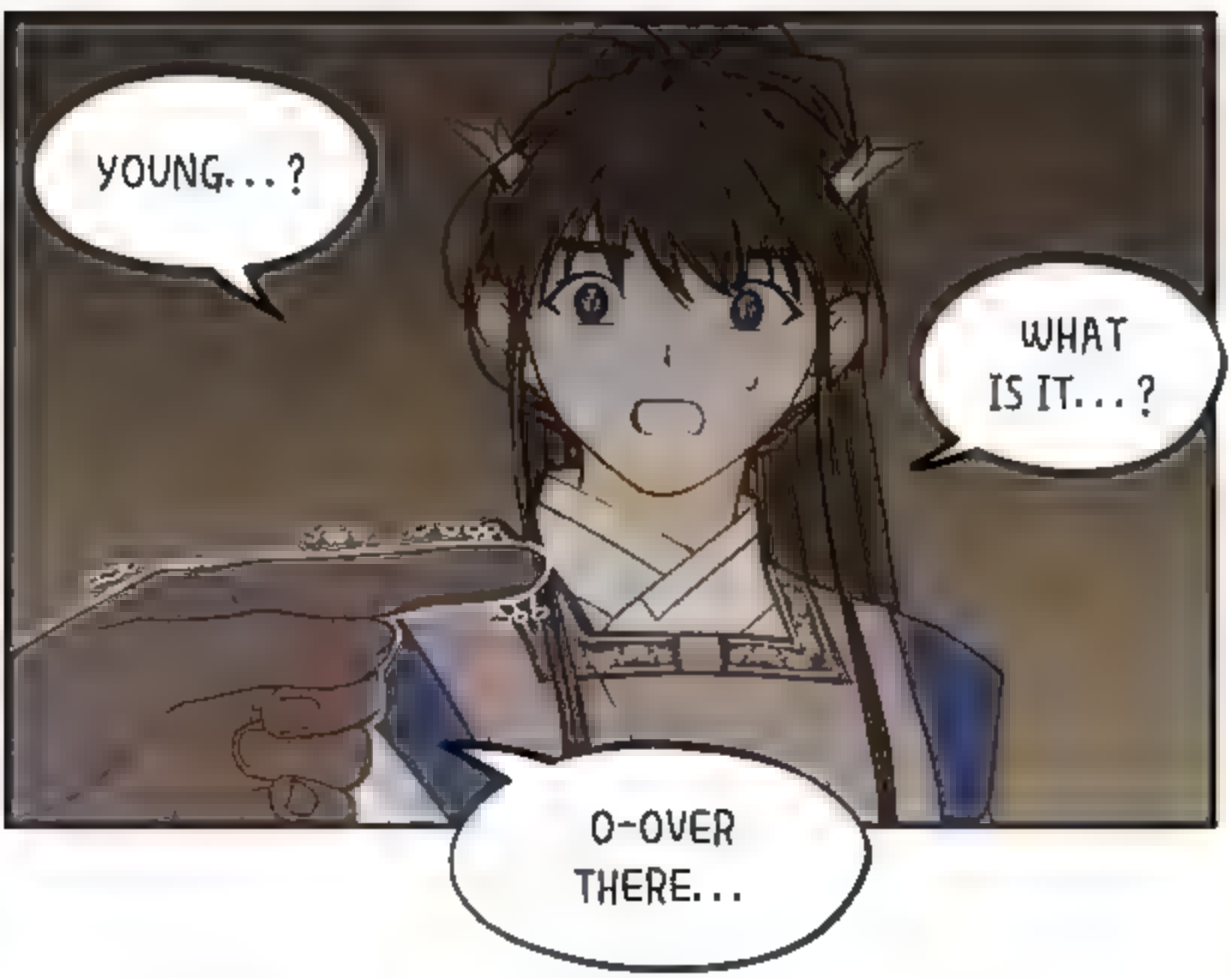
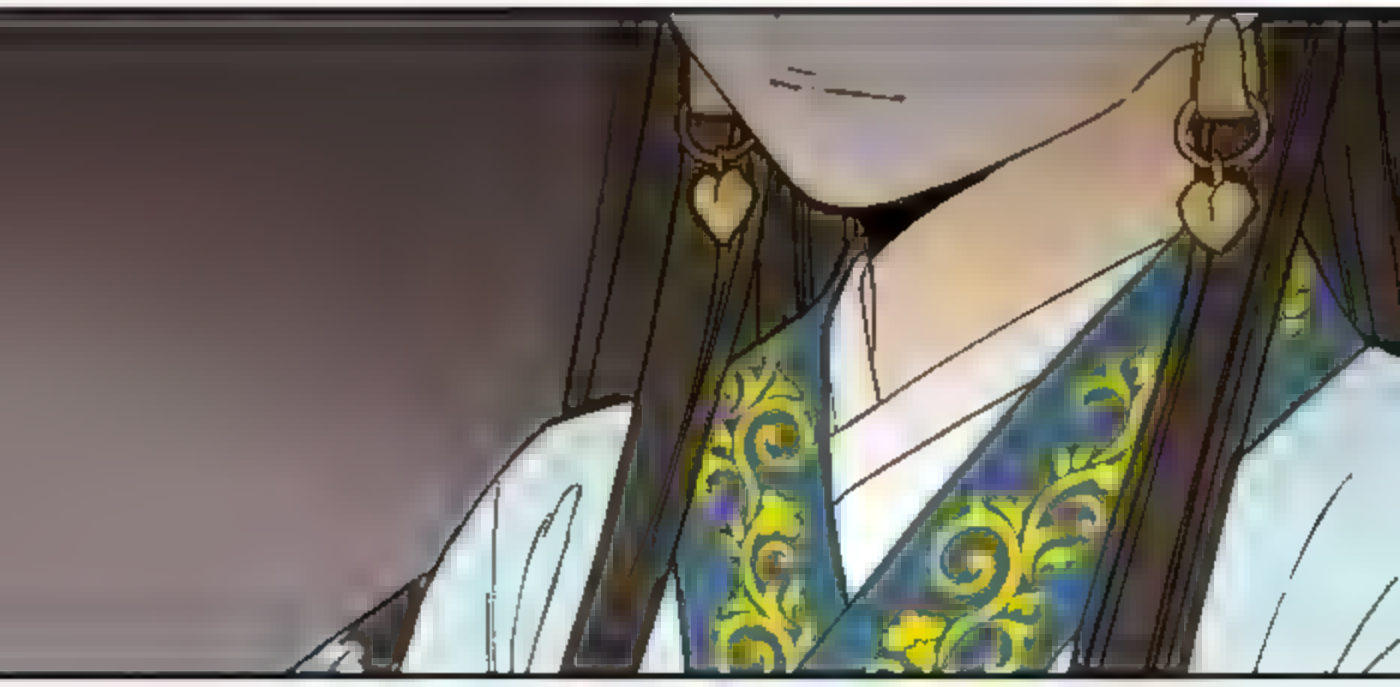
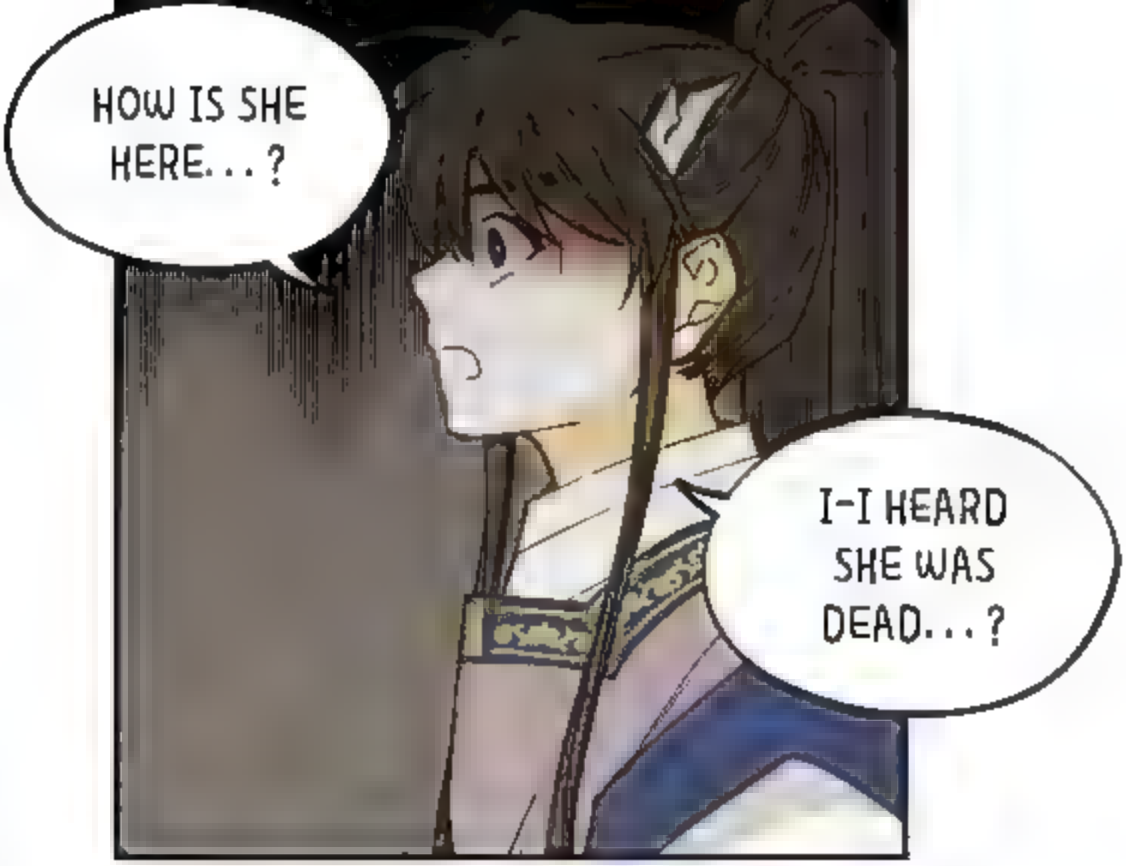
GRAB


YOUNG...?
WHAT IS IT...?
O-OVER THERE...



THAT'S...

...LORD YISHIMI'S...
...L-LOVER, RIGHT...?


HOW IS SHE HERE...?
I-I HEARD SHE WAS DEAD...?

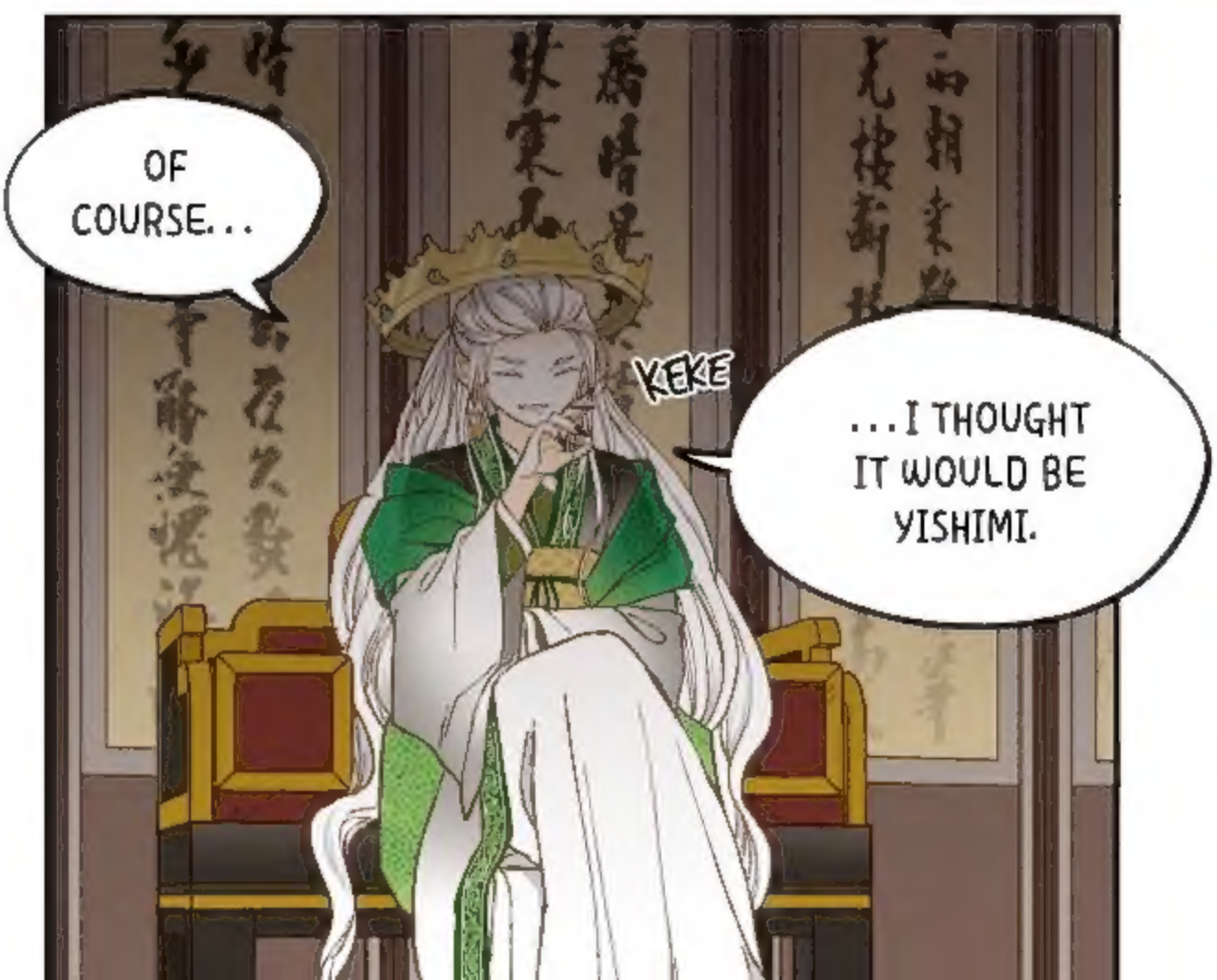
HUH? WHO'S THAT?
IS SHE HUMAN?

I CAN'T FEEL HER BREATHE.
I-IS SHE DEAD? W-WAS SHE PRESERVED OR SOMETHING...?

NO...
THAT'S

IT'S JUST...
SPLASH
...WATER.

I FORGOT TO GET THAT OUT OF THE WAY.
I MADE THAT AS A BIT OF EXTRA FUN FOR THE FINALIST.


OF COURSE...
KEKE
...I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE YISHIMI.

DID YOU
KNOW?

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